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CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATION FOR PUBLIC WATER WORKS

1. Providing the public with adequate supplies of safe drinking water is a highly specialized, technical operation. Under attack conditions, many difficult water supply problems are to be expected.

2. For many years, Pennsylvania water works owners, managers and operators, both public and private, have worked together both closely and harmoniously. In cases of emergency, they frequently have joined forces to provide adequate water supplies for stricken communities.

3. To assure the wisest possible emergency use of the State's total water works resources, including technically trained personnel, the State Council of Civil Defense requested Mr. John H. Murdock, Jr., Vice President and Counsel, American Water Works Service Company, and Mr. L. D. Matter, Assistant Chief Engineer, Pennsylvania Department of Health, to form a statewide civil defense water works organization.

4. The Messrs. Murdock and Matter recently completed formal organization of the Pennsylvania Civil Defense Organization for Public Water Works. This organization, with one or more qualified representatives in each of the 67 counties of the Commonwealth, will serve as a "clearing house" for civil defense information for public and private water works.

5. In the event of enemy attack, the Pennsylvania Civil Defense Organization for Public Water Works, its members and officials will work with State, county and local civil defense officials in attempts to provide adequate supplies of safe drinking water for all Pennsylvania communities.

6. County Civil Defense Directors herewith are being furnished one copy of the October 1, 1952 Directory of the Pennsylvania Civil Defense Organization for Public Water Works. Examination of the Directory will reveal the fact that many of the Water Works Organization's County Chairmen are the same individuals whom the County Civil Defense Directors now rely upon to furnish advice and assistance in matters relating to public water works.

7. In those cases where County Chairmen of the Water Works Organization are not already members of the County Civil Defense Director's staff, it is suggested that the Director invite the Chairman to become a member of the county staff. Such action will assure maximum cooperation between all concerned in times of emergency.

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